



## **Blue Lakes North Corridor Project**

February 1, 2006

To: Blue Lakes North Corridor Property and Business Owners

From: Steve Tonks, ITD Project Manager

Re: City Council Direction and Next Steps  
Falls to Poleline Rd. Reconstruction Project

Greetings,

The Twin Falls City Council was presented on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2005 with the results of the preliminary planning and public involvement efforts for the Blue Lakes North Corridor Project. Based on that information, the City Council reached unanimous agreement to direct ITD to proceed with the planning and design for the Falls Ave. to Poleline Rd. reconstruction project with the direction as outlined below. For more information on the project, please call ITD Project Manager, Steve Tonks at 886-7888.

### **City Council Direction**

- Pursue voluntary installation of "pork chop" islands at property driveway approaches to restrict left turn out movements
- Pursue voluntary driveway consolidation to reduce the number of accesses to Blue Lakes Blvd.
- Provide as safely feasible, installation of pedestrian crossings at a minimum of ¼ mile intervals
- Evaluate for warrants, the addition of a new signal at the Cheney / Blue Lakes Blvd. intersection
- Identify additional possible locations for landscaping enhancements on the Blue Lakes corridor where accesses to businesses and properties are not affected

### **ITD Commitment**

- To reconstruct Blue Lakes Blvd. from Falls Ave. to Poleline Rd. and install storm drainage improvements from Falls Ave. to the Perrine Bridge
- Continue to monitor Blue Lakes Blvd. for other needed safety improvements in the future

### **Anticipated Schedule**

1. Complete conceptual design and construction planning – Feb / Mar 2006
  - Finalize voluntary driveway consolidations and left turn out restrictions
  - Obtain voluntary commitments for right of entry agreements
  - Identify preferred general approaches to construction
  - Determine specific property / business owner needs during construction
  - Collect construction planning comment forms (see attached form)
  - Finalize construction approach
2. Begin project design – Feb / Mar 2006 through Oct 2006
3. Public open house to discuss design and construction – Spring 2006
4. Project construction – currently planned for 2007